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1. On 27 October 1952, 22 trucks each occupied by 12 to 16 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and including [redacted] 25X1B

[redacted] 8 armored jeeps each occupied by 6 to 8 soldiers; 4 x 100-mm AT guns; and 8 x 76.2-mm field guns; several colonels; 2 field grade officers; and 10 officers with artillery insignia were entrained at the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) freight station, coming from the installations east and west of Leipziger Strasse. The train departed at 3 p.m., probably toward the north.¹

2. During the period from 22 to 28 October 1952, the wooded area close to Ettersberg near Weimar (M 51/J 57) was sealed off. Six thousand to 8,000 soldiers approached the area at night and moved along the northern slope. No details could be observed. On 28 October, the buildings of the Heik Kaserne, Tannenberg Kaserne and Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse were fully lighted at night.²

3. On 21 October, and on the preceding days, the Neue Kaserne and the Heersflak Kaserne on Schubert Strasse, Gotha (M 51/J 06), were occupied only by small guard details wearing either black-bordered crimson epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. [redacted]

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25X1A1. [redacted] Comment. Information on elements of the 38th (?) Army Artillery Brig returning from the Dessau-Wiesenburg training area during the period from 18 to 20 October was previously submitted. [redacted] The present information indicates that other units left on 27 October. [redacted]

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25X1A2. [redacted] Comment. The units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div and 13th AAA Div stationed in Weimar returned from the Dessau-Wiesenburg training area on about 18 October. [redacted] The new movements seen cannot be accounted for.

25X1A3. [redacted] Comment. A report by another source indicated that units of the 57th Gds Mtc Bifle Div left Gotha in the direction of Ohrdruf during the period from

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